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SUBJECT:HENNINGS BECKER

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1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
REPLY FEBRUARY 23 TELEGRAM FROM HOLGER LINDHOLT ON BEHALF
OF HENNINGS BECKER PROTESTING TREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE
CHILDREN BY DANISH GOVERNMENT. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS
EMBASSY BY LETTER ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FOR
WHITE HOUSE AND REPLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. EMBASSY
SHOULD DETERMINE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF REPLY BELOW
AMBASSADOR.

2. BEGIN PROPOSED LETTER. FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN SOUTH
VIETNAM DURING THE SPRING OF 1975 A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS
OPENED THEIR DOORS AND EXTENDED HOSPITALITY TO THOSE
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PEOPLE WHO CHOSE TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY AND TO AN ADDI-
TIONAL NUMBER WHO FOUND THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY AT

THAT TIME. THERE IS MUCH THAT HAS TO BE DONE TO ARRANGE FOR THE PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THESE DISLOCATED PEOPLE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. THAT WILL BE, IN MOST INSTANCES, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED A HAVEN EITHER OF A TEMPORARY OR A PERMANENT NATURE. EACH GOVERNMENT UNDER ITS OWN LAWS TOGETHER WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE RESOURCES WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE IN ITS OWN WAY THE BEST AND MOST HUMANE RESOLUTION OF SUCH REFUGEE PROBLEMS. IT THEREFORE BECOMES IN THE CASE OF THE VIETNAMESE CHILDREN IN DENMARK A MATTER FOR THE DANISH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE ON HOW TO PROCEED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS PROCESS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT DANISH AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY MUCH GUIDED BY CONSIDERATION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN. END OF PROPOSED LETTER.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF EXACT TEXT SENT TO LINDHOLT AND CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS SITUATION. KISSINGER

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